GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations for recommending an inappropriate and unviable site for construction of slaughter house, vegetable and fish stalls at Mettakkivalasa in Survey No.148/P of Akkivalasa - Disciplinary action initiated against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Amadalavalasa Municipality and now retired – Charges framed - Enquiry conducted - Report along with Disagreement factors communicated - Imposing a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of three (03) years" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.898 **Dated.17.11.2022.**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Appraisal Report No.31 (C.No.2186/V&E/D1/2004), dated.14.02.2005.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1218, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.18.08.2005.
3. Served Copy of Articles of Charges on Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, dated.12.04.2006 received through the C&DMA., Letter, dated.29.04.2006.
4. G.O.Rt.No.442, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.07.04.2007.
5. From Sri G.V.Raghu, Chief City Planner & Enquiry Officer, GHMC, Enquiry Report, dated.06.10.2010.
6. Govt.Memo.No.5672/E1/2005-9, dated.28.06.2011.
7. Govt.Memo.No.5672/E1/2005, dated.02.05.2018.
8. Written Representation from Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retired), Amadalavalasa Municipality, Dated.01.11.2018.
9. Govt.Memo.No.5672/Vig.I (1)/2005, dated.06.12.2018.
10. From the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur, Letter Roc.No.7038/2005/C3, dated.26.02.2022.
11. Govt. Letter No.5672/Vig.I/2005, dated.05.09.2022.
12. From the APPSC, AP, Vijayawada, File No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/86/2022-DC.SEC-APPSC., dated.03.11.2022.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that, certain allegations were leveled against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Panchayat Office, Amadalavalasa Municipality regarding allegations of recommending an inappropriate and unviable site for construction of slaughter house, vegetable and fish stalls at Mettakkivalasa in Survey No.148/P of Akkivalasa of Amdalavalasa. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Panchayat Office, Amadalavalasa Municipality.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated departmental proceedings by issuing articles of charges against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Panchayat Office,

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Amadalavalasa Municipality under Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defence thereon.

3. As the charged officer not submitted the Written Statement of Defence, Govt. after following due procedure, issued orders appointing Sri G.V.Raghu, City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the above charged officer vide reference 4th read above.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer Sri G.V.Raghu, City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam submitted Inquiry Report concluding that, the two (2) charges framed against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Panchayat Office, Amadalavalasa Municipality are held not proved in the enquiry and therefore requested to take further necessary action in the matter.

5. Govt. have examined the inquiry report and disagreed with the findings of the enquiry officer. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, while communicating a copy of inquiry report along with disagreement factors under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Panchayat Office, Amadalavalasa Municipality was directed to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and disagreement factors.

6. Even after a lapse of stipulated period, no written representation has been received from the charged officer. Therefore, keeping in view the inquiry report and disagreement factors, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired), Amadalavalasa Municipality and issued a show cause notice to the charged officer, as to why the said penalty shall not be imposed against him and directed to submit his written representation thereon, vide reference 7th read above.

7. In the reference 8th read above, Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (retired), Amadalavalasa Municipality has stated that, the charges framed against him are not justifiable and even after a lapse of twelve (12) years, he had not yet received any orders for sanction of his family pension benefits neither from the A.G., A.P., Hyderabad nor from the C&DMA., A.P., till date. He has received only 75% provisional pension from 01.04.2009. Therefore, he has requested to consider his explanation, and to drop the proposed penalty of 5% cut in monthly pension for three (3) years, as there is no financial loss involved in the issue.

8. After examination of the written representation of the Charged Officer and after following due procedure, it has been decided to confirm the earlier provisional decision i.e., to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of three (03) years" against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired), Amadalavalasa Municipality, as there are no new grounds put forth by the charged officer.

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9. Accordingly, a letter was addressed to the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada requesting to convey the concurrence of the Commission to the said Government's Proposal, vide reference 11th read above.

10. In the reference 12th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has informed that, Commission agrees with the proposal of the Government to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of three (03) years against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired), Amadalavalasa Municipality and advised accordingly.

11. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of three (03) years" against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired), Amadalavalasa Municipality, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

12. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

13. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (now retired),
Amadalavalasa Municipality - **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Municipal Commissioner, Amadalavalasa Municipality, Srikakulam District.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Krishna District
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER.